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Addendum

The present document contains additional information on assistance by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to the Cayman Islands.

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1. The programme of assistance of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the period 1993-1996 is described in document DP/CP/CAY/3, containing the third country programme for the Cayman Islands, approved by the UNDP Governing Council in February 1993. The total resources for this programme are $1,457,000, which includes the indicative planning figure entitlement of $163,000 and cost-sharing commitments of $1,294,000.

2. In recognition of the specific characteristics of small island economies and in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of the Cayman Islands, the programme places emphasis on UNDP support for human resources development and economic planning and management. Human resources development is primarily directed at strengthening administrative, managerial and technical skills in selected government departments. Economic planning and management seeks to promote effective management of public expenditure and more active involvement of the Government in macroeconomic planning through improved fiscal management and the rationalization and integration of planning mechanisms.

3. The Cayman Islands, as an observer in selected institutions and ministerial bodies of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and Common Market, will continue to be eligible for UNDP assistance under the fourth regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean, described in document DP/RLA/4. The Caribbean component of this regional programme has made provision for technical assistance in the amount of $7 million.

4. In response to the programme of action ensuing from the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, which took place in Barbados from 25 April to 6 May 1994, two aspects of the programme of action are receiving particular UNDP attention. They are: (a) the establishment of a collaborative network to facilitate access by small island developing States to vital environmental information; and (b) the implementation of a technical assistance programme, which will among other things support the implementation of the programme of action, and in particular address capacity-building constraints of small island developing States.

5. Also in response to the programme of action, UNDP has launched a regional project funded under Capacity 21, which bears potential benefit for the Cayman Islands, since it will eventually extend its assistance to more than the six pilot countries within the Caribbean region, with the objective of strengthening their capacities to manage and implement sustainable development plans and programmes at the local, national and regional levels.